

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
) CASE NO. MJ24-068
Plaintiff,)
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v.)
) DETENTION ORDER
RODERICK HISOLA WHITT,)
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Defendant.)
_____)

Offense charged: Threat Toward the President of the United States

Date of Detention Hearing: February 7, 2024.

The Court, having conducted a detention hearing pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), and based upon the factual findings and statement of reasons for detention hereafter set forth, finds that no condition or combination of conditions which defendant can meet will reasonably assure the appearance of defendant as required and the safety of other persons and the community.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION

1. Defendant is charged by Complaint with knowingly and willfully making a

01 threat to take the life of and to inflict bodily harm upon the President of the United States. In
02 the Summary of Probable Cause section of the Complaint, additional alleged threats are
03 described, including allegations that defendant traveled to the Washington D.C. and New York
04 City areas. The government argues that the nature of the alleged threats indicates an escalation
05 in both the seriousness of the threats, delusions, and defendant's stated desire to die in the course
06 of carrying out the threats. Defendant is apparently estranged from his family, is unemployed,
07 and his residential situation is somewhat unstable. He reports a history of mental illness.

08 2. Defendant poses a risk of nonappearance based on mental health issues, a history
09 of drug use, lack of verification of background information by a collateral source, and
10 allegations regarding travel in aid of the alleged threats. Defendant poses a risk of danger
11 based on the nature of the instant offense, serious mental health issues, and criminal history.
12 The Court notes that a release plan that includes a more robust mental health component might
13 reasonable address some of these factors.

14 3. There does not appear to be any condition or combination of conditions that will
15 reasonably assure the defendant's appearance at future Court hearings while addressing the
16 danger to other persons or the community.

17 It is therefore ORDERED:

- 18 1. Defendant shall be detained pending trial, and committed to the custody of the Attorney
19 General for confinement in a correction facility;
- 20 2. Defendant shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with counsel;
- 21 3. On order of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person
22 in charge of the corrections facility in which defendant is confined shall deliver the

01 defendant to a United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a
02 court proceeding; and

- 03 4. The Clerk shall direct copies of this Order to counsel for the United States, to counsel for
04 the defendant, to the United States Marshal, and to the United State Probation Services
05 Officer.

06 DATED this 7th day of February, 2024.

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08 Mary Alice Theiler
09 United States Magistrate Judge
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